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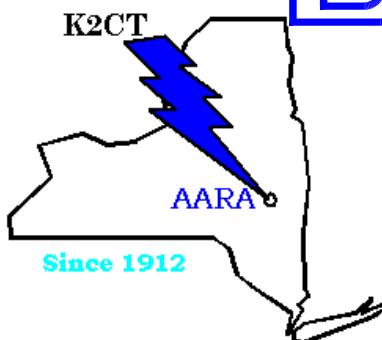
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NOV. Meeting

Summary from
the Nominating Committee for
election of new officers in Dec.

Digital TV

Richard KLEIN, WB2TBG chief engineer of Channel 13 WNYT will talk about digital TV. By law as of Feb 17th, 2009 TV stations must switch from analog to digital signals

Digital television (DTV) is an innovative type of broadcasting technology that will give you crystal-clear pictures and sound, and more programming choices than ever before. An informative technical and non-technical talk

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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
[1653 Central Ave. Colonie](http://1653centralavenuecolonie.com)

Friday NOV. 14

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting begins 7:47 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

AARA 10 meter Sprint

DEC 11 Thursday 7pm - 8pm
AARA 10 meter Sprint SSB
28.400-28.490

AARA Dues

Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in
.pdf format www.k2ct.net
OR \$20 for first class mailing of the
newsletter Checks should be made out to
AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

2008 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS -- PRELIMINARY LIST

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE
WC2L	SO (H) A	897	331	91	1,058,798
W2XL	M/S	721	-	374	745,756
(+KM2O+KD2NE+WA2MMX+W2EG)					
W2GB	SO (H) A	777	233	67	661,200
K2ONP	SO (H) A	664	-	336	627,984
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	493	-	345	465,060
N2LBR	M/S	528	235	74	449,595
(+WA1KKM)					
K2XF	SO (H) A	440	-	?	305,515
K2EP	SO (H) A	366	165	49	221,490
WK2H	SO (H) A	201	102	38	82,180
WF2B	SO (H) A	117	-	112	34,384
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	50	-	?	5,453

Send your CQWW CW scores (and CQWW Phone scores if you haven't yet) to us at: sue.walt@verizon.net

73, and thanks for all the scores!
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

AARA 10 METER SPRINT

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The WARM Award (Worked Albany Radio Members)

This award is sponsored by the Albany (NY)
Amateur Radio Association:

1. The award is available at no fee to all Amateur Radio operators. To submit your application on line, click here:

Requirements:

4. For AARA members and/or hams in Albany Rensselaer or Schenectady Counties, 15 points of which 5 must be AARA members
5. For other stations in New York State, 10 points of which at least 1 must be an AARA member.
6. For stations in other "lower 48 states", 7 points of which at least 1 must be an AARA member.
7. For all other locations (DX) 5 points of which at least 1 must be an AARA member.

Points:

8. A point consists of a two-way contact on any Amateur band, any mode (except through land

based repeaters) with any station located in any "Albany" or with any member of the AARA wherever located. * An "Albany" is any city, town, village, county, or other community anywhere in the world with Albany in its name.

9. The WARM award can be endorsed for mode or band.

President's Endorsement:

10 Fulfill basic requirement above except that 4 points must be with different and unrelated "Albanys" other than Albany NY USA.
see list at www.K2CT.net

ARRL INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR 2008 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The ARRL Letter Vol. 27, No. 43 Oct. 31, 2008

Nominations are open for the 2008 ARRL International Humanitarian Award <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/humanitarian.html>>. The award is conferred upon an amateur or amateurs who demonstrate devotion to human welfare, peace and international understanding through Amateur Radio.

The League established the annual prize to recognize Amateur Radio operators who have used ham radio to provide extraordinary service to others in times of crisis or disaster. A committee appointed by the League's President recommends the award recipient(s) to the ARRL Board, which makes the final decision.

ATVET The Albany/Troy VE Team. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA). We are affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984. ATVET offers new license exams and upgrade exams for all license classes. Contact:

Gerald Murray WA2IWW, ATVET LIAISON:, atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

ASK PERRY: WHY IS THE ARRL IN CONNECTICUT?

The ARRL Letter, Vol 27, No 43 (Oct. 31, 2008)

Every once in a while, ARRL Archivist Perry Williams, W1UED -- a rich source of information about the early days of the League -- runs across a question that really needs an answer. Earlier this month, someone posed this question to Perry: Why was Connecticut chosen as the site for ARRL?

"To answer that question," Perry explained, "consider a parable: Why did the tree choose to grow in this forest? Because that is where the seed fell on fertile ground. The seed that became ARRL fell on Hartford, Connecticut in 1914. When it sprouted, it was cultivated initially by two men: Hiram Percy Maxim, 1WH (he became W1AW after World War I), and Clarence D. Tuska, 1WD, who was still in his teens when the League began.

"Maxim was an inventor in a family of inventors, an industrialist. He was founder of the Maxim Silencer Company, making devices to keep firearms and engines quiet, as well as a principal in a company involved first in making bicycles and then autos. He was also a writer with an early interest in motion pictures (he was also founder of the Amateur Cinematographic League) and on and on. Most of these activities were in or near Hartford, where he lived with his family.

"Tuska manned the hoe and trowel around the ARRL seedling. Soon after the ARRL's founding, Maxim settled in as President, an office he held until his death in 1936. In those early days, Tuska served as Secretary. Together, Maxim and Tuska founded the magazine QST as a private venture in 1915 out of their own pockets; Tuska was its Editor until the United States got into WWI and amateurs were taken off the air. Tuska closed down the 'offices' of ARRL and QST -- they were in his mother's kitchen

-- and joined the Army." Williams said that the story doesn't end here

-- to find out more, please see "Two Hundred Meters and Down," by Clinton B DeSoto, W1CBD (SK)

<<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=0011>>.

>> 2008 CQ WW DX CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT <<

The Fall 2008 contest season has begun! So once again, it's time to send us your scores. Get ready for the CQ WW CW weekend on November 29-30.

All scores received will be published in B-Plus. Send your information (plain text) to us by e-mail at: sue.walt@verizon.net

Please include the following information when reporting your score to us:

Call used in the contest
Mode (CW or Phone)
Entry Category
Power Level
Claimed Score
Number of (non-dupe) QSOs
Number of Country Multipliers
Number of Zone Multipliers

Get your score published in B-Plus! See your call in print! *Don't be left out!*

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

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**AARA 10 meter Sprint SSB
28.400-28.490**

147.12MHz repeater

The Albany County ACES repeater 147.12, now has a 100hz tone requirement in order to access that repeater. It also transmits the same 100hz tone so that if you wish to set a DCS in your receiver, you will no longer hear any kerchunking, intermod, or other interference.

Would you like to learn how to solder?

How about would you like to build a kit radio or a kit transmitter?

What about an APRS identifier kit?

We are trying to put a session together
Leave Nathaniel a message and he'll try and
put the session (at a meeting) together.

439-5008

CONTESTS

NOV.

15-17 Saturday 2100 - Monday 0300
ARRL Sweepstakes SSB

29-30 Saturday 0000 - Sunday 2400
CQ WW DX Contest CW

DEC.

5-7 Friday 2200 - Sunday 1600
ARRL 160 Meter Contest CW

6 Saturday 0000 - 2400
TARA RTTY Mêlée RTTY

11 Thursday 0000 - 0100 [7pm - 8pm]
AARA 10 meter Sprint SSB
28.400-28.490

13-14 Saturday 0000 - Sunday 2359
ARRL 10 meter Contest [CW Phone]

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz

2008 Field Day Results Posted

The results from this year's Field Day are now available online

<<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/contests/results/2008/FD/>>. "The addition of the online ARRL Field Day Locator site was a huge success, as more than 1500 sites were listed in this first year of use," said ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "When you scan the Online Soapbox <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox>>, Field Day continues to be the most popular on-the-air event in Amateur Radio." You can find the results in the Members Only section of the ARRL Web site.

Pennsylvania Becomes 27th State with PRB-1 Law on Books (Oct 9,2008) –

On Wednesday, October 8, Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell (D) signed into law a bill that guarantees radio amateurs the right to erect antenna support structures up to 65 feet without the need for a Special Use Permit. The bill passed in the House with a vote of 196-1; it passed in the Senate with a vote of 49-1. The new law is scheduled to go into effect December 8, 60 days after signing. See

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/10/09/10381/?nc=1>

This may lead to another try in New York State for a PRB-1 bill.

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